

ENSURE A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Remember starting school with new clothes and supplies you picked out yourself? Some kids can't. Many start school without basic supplies and the confidence these things can bring. They need your help for a Bright Beginning this school year.

YMCA Bright Beginnings provides back-to-school clothes and supplies to deserving children. Each child is paired with a special adult volunteer who helps the child on a shopping trip with a Y group.

We plan to help 500 children have a "Bright Beginning" this school year. Y staff makes shopping trips easy for volunteers. Volunteers meet their child buddy at the Y and board the bus to go shopping as a group. Most trips are on a weeknight from 5:30-8:30, and special day trips can be arranged for your organization. The Y welcomes individuals, companies, churches, and other groups to shop or donate funds or supplies.

Would You Like to Participate?

If you would like to help as a volunteer or donor, or if your company would like to participate, please contact one of the Y Bright Beginnings coordinators:

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Reidsville YMCA
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Reidsville, NC 27320

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY For Individuals & Teams

*A rewarding 3-hour experience
to be a shopping buddy or
donate money & school supplies*

Shopping Dates*

Bryan YMCA	Aug 9,10,11
Hayes-Taylor YMCA	Aug 5, 19
Ragsdale YMCA	Aug 2, 4
Reidsville YMCA	Aug 2, 3**,4
Spears YMCA	Aug 9,10,11
Stoney Creek YMCA	Aug 15

*Shopping is usually from 5:30-8:30 pm. Aug 3 at Reidsville is a day trip. As dates and times may change, verify date and time with your Y. Special trips can be arranged for organizations making contributions.

Please Note: All volunteers must complete the Y branch's **Volunteer Application** in advance of the trip (usually by July 25) and show photo ID on the shopping day. Access the **Volunteer Application**, by visiting

www.ymcagreensboro.org/bb
or sign up to help fundraise at
ysupport.org/brightbeginnings.
(Donations can be made at either site)

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FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

From Parent:

To YMCA Staff, Bright Beginnings
Volunteers and donors:

Thank you very much
for Bright Beginnings. This
was the only way my
child would have a new
coat and shoes for school. He
did not want to go to school
but this experience made
him excited about school.
Your program gave us
everything he needed to start
school and he is very happy
now.

Thank you to
Everyone

From Child:

Hi, my name is Miles.
Thank you for letting me
go on the shopping spree.
I was able to get nice
clothes and school supplies.
I am now ready to go to
school. Once again Thank
you very much.

From Volunteers:

Bright Beginnings is one of the absolute best volunteer activities that I have ever participated in and one of the most rewarding things that I've ever done! The YMCA staff was so grateful we were there and especially happy about the grant money that Amex provided.

- Letitia C. Rogers
American Express

I continue to get great feedback from our employees regarding the Bright Beginnings volunteer activity.

- Darlene C. Smith
American Express

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Bright Beginnings started at the Richmond Y. During a shopping trip a boy asked his volunteer, a police officer, "Who's paying for all these clothes and supplies?" "You are," replied Officer Banks. "You can pay us back for these nice clothes and supplies by going to school every day and working hard." At the end of the first nine-weeks, all 10 children who shopped with Officer Banks received a ribbon for perfect attendance, and several had made the honor roll.